

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A reduced-friction artificial joint replacement (ADR), comprising:
a first endplate component adapted for fixation to an upper vertebral body;
a second endplate component adapted for fixation to ~~an upper~~ a lower vertebral body; and
a spacer component disposed between the two endplate components, the spacer component
including one or more rotating elements disposed on casters between that articulate with the two
endplate components to reduce friction during spinal flexion, extension or other movements; and
wherein each caster swivels about a vertical axis and has a wheel that rotates about a horizontal
axis.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The reduced-friction artificial joint replacement (ADR) of claim 1,
including one or more ~~elements~~ wheels rotatable about axes oriented generally medial to lateral.